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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the June 3, 2005 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9-13, 16-22, 24-26, 28-31, and 34. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks. A petition for a 1-month extension of time is filed herewith along with the appropriate fee. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen. The amendment to claims 1 and 25 are in response to the Examiners rejection. The new claims are directly supported by the claims as originally filed, as they merely recite combinations of certain dependent claims in independent form which correspond to claims the Examiner indicated would be allowable.